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SUBJECT: OBSERVATIONS OF NON-ALIGNED CONCERNING VIETNAM
ACTIVITIES.

1. AT SOIREE ON JULY 12, MALAYSIA CHARGE YEO, SRI
LANKAN FIRST SECRETARY RODRIGO AND MISOFF DISCUSSED
INTER ALIA, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV)
PROPOSAL ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AGENDA, SINO-VIET
CONFLICT AND FATE OF DECEASED FORMER SRV PERM REP
DINH BA THI.

2. YEO, WHO HAD EARLIER IN DAY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
SRV CHARGE PHAM DUONG, TOLD GROUP MALAYSIA IS PRESSURING
SRV TO DROP ITS PROPOSAL WITH REGARD TO NON-INTERFERENCE
IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES WHICH IS NOW ON THE AGENDA
OF COMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE. (AGENDA
DATAFAXED TO IO TATU.) IT IS SRV'S AIM TO USE THIS IN
FUTURE DIPLOMATIC CONFRONTATIONS WITH CHINA AND BOTH
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YEO AND RODRIGO VOICED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CON-
SEQUENCES THAT, THE BROAD LANGUAGE AS PROPOSED BY SRV,
WOULD HOLD FOR S.E. ASIA AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS. RODRIGO
OPINED SRV WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING NON-ALIGNED
TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL AS IS NOW WORDED. RODRIGO POINTED
OUT THAT ALONG WITH MALAYSIA CERTAINLY INDONESIA WOULD
ALSO OBJECT GIVEN THE SITUATION IN E. TIMOR.

3. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO THE SINO-VIET CONFLICT OVER WHICH RODRIGO EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ON THE PART OF MOST NON-ALIGNED, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF PRC AIRCRAFT VIOLATING SRV AIR SPACE. GIVEN THIS, AND OTHER RECENT ACTIONS BY BOTH PARTIES, THE POTENTIAL FOR A "MAJOR INCIDENT" IS VERY REAL.

4. YEO THEN TOUCHED UPON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SRV PERM REP DINH BA THI. YEO SAID IT WAS PERHAPS COINCIDENTAL BUT STILL "MYSTERIOUS" AS TO HOW THI WAS KILLED. ACCORDING TO PHAM DUONG, YEO SAID A LARGE TRUCK HAD HIT THE CAR IN WHICH THI WAS RIDING. THE CAR THEN WENT OFF THE ROAD AND INTO A RAVINE KILLING THI AND HIS DRIVER. MRS. THI WHO WAS ALSO RIDING IN THE CAR WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND BEING TREATED IN A HOSPITAL (PRESUMABLY HANOI). THE VIETNAMESE DECLINED TO GIVE YEO ANY FURTHER SPECIFICS. YEO CONTINUED THAT SRV, BEFORE THI'S DEATH, WERE PLANNING A CHALLENGE TO THE US BY SENDING THI BACK TO NEW YORK TO RESUME DUTIES AS UN PERM REP AFTER CONCLUSION OF HUMPHREY HUNG TRIAL. THE SRV HAD PLANNED TO DEMAND AND TEST EVIDENCE PRESENTED AGAINST THI AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR, BEFORE THE UN IN BOTH THE HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YEO SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT GIVEN ENORMOUS EFFORT OF A CAMPAIGN TO BRING THI BACK, THAT THERE WAS "MORE TO THE STORY THAN VIETNAMESE HAD TOLD
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HIM". YEO ASKED IN THAT CONNECTION WHAT EVIDENCE US HAD CONCERNING THI'S ROLE IN CASE. MISOFF REITERATED SECY HOLBROOKE STATEMENT THAT WE "HAD VERY PRECISE INFORMATION" CONCERNING THI ROLE IN THE MATTER. LEONARD

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